GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR INDIA `S FLIGHT TO GAYA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India operates its flights to Gaya from October to March only;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to operate flights from Gaya Airport to Delhi throughout the year;

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(e) the details of international flight operations as well as foreign chartered planes operations to and from Gaya Airport during the last year?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (d): The flow of tourists to/from Gaya is at peak from October to April, whereas the traffic is very low from May to September. Hence, Air India flights to Gaya are not operated from May to September every year, as the number of passengers travelling to/from Gaya in the lean season do not justify the commercial viability of the operations. However, a decision is taken to operate flight beyond April with reduced frequencies subject to commercial viability

(e): The details of international flights operated by Air India to/from Gaya are as under:

FLT NO. FREQ. SECTOR;
(flight /week)

AI 235 1 Delhi-Gaya-Yangon

AI 236 1 Yangon - Gaya - Delhi

AI233 1 Kolkata-Gaya - Yangon

AI 234 2 Yangon - Gaya - Kolkata

71 foreign charter flights were operated in the calender year 2014 with 9891 passengers.